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### The Mailing List

The mailing list has been corrected up to Tuesday, February 13. Please note the label on your paper, and if it is not correct, notify us at once. Many of the new names sent in since January 1900 have not yet been set up, but are addressed each week with pencil. But all renewals and changes of address should be indicated on the label of your paper this week. Please examine the same and see if corrections have been properly entered.

### That Premium

If any one entitled to the premium, "In His Steps," has not received the book, notify us at once. In making the entry mistakes may have occurred, and if so we are anxious to make corrections. Write us.

### The Three Thousand

The list has not been growing very rapidly the last week or two, and it will be necessary to make a little more progress if we are to reach the 3,000 in a reasonable time. Every agent, every pastor, every subscriber, should keep continually at it until we have reached the

mark. Brethren, let us move forward. Our church is growing in numbers; why should it not grow in the support of its several institutions? Let the paper be placed into every home in the brotherhood, and we will have more than 3,000, yea, more than 4,000.

### Are You Indebted to the Office?

If so kindly make us a remittance as early as possible, as the Board is in need of funds to meet expenses. Please remember that paper bills have to be paid promptly whether you pay us or not. Unless these bills are paid promptly when due the business must stop. The hands in the office must also be paid, and should be paid promptly every week. But remember that it is not easy to do all this unless those indebted to the office pay their bills. If you are indebted to the office please give the matter your early attention.

## Personal Mention

Brother J. M. Tombaugh began a series of revival services in the Hagerstown congregation of which he is pastor, February 12. Brother I. D. Bowman, Philadelphia, Pa., is expected to assist him for two weeks.

Brother J. I. Hall, Harrisonburg, Va., reports one accession to the church. He has lately visited New Market, Va., and preached for the Brethren at that place.

Brother Byers keeps three congregations in active work for the Master. To one of these congregations, Rosedale, eleven members were added as a result of revival efforts which began the first week in January. From the report Brother Byers gives it is clear that his people are being fed on the pure and unadulterated word of God. We are pleased to learn of the success of our brother in the ministry.

Brother J. M. Murray reports the organization of a new Brethren church in his field of labor. A revival meeting held in which Brother Wise assisted resulted in thirty-five conversions, twenty-one of whom have united with the Brethren.

At St. James, Md., a meeting conducted by Brethren Long and Smith, the latter of Sargeantsville, N. J., resulted in eight accessions to the church.

Brother Lyon is seemingly keeping up a continual revival in his congregation. Two more accessions are reported. There is great interest in the Washington Mission, and the prospects are good for a strong, substantial church of the Brethren in that city.

At Dayton, Ohio, two more have been added to the church. Brethren Welty, Louisville, Ohio, and the pastor, Z. H. Copp, have just closed a two weeks' meeting. Brother Welty has returned home.

In Brother Ranch's home congregation, Milford, Ind., four accessions are reported and one reclaimed.

Professor Miller has been on the sick list for almost a week unable to attend to his duties. In his absence brother H. M. Oberholtzer preached in the College Chapel last Sabbath morning.

We are pleased to announce that brother Frank Yoder who has gone thru a severe case of typhoid fever has recovered and is doing as well as could possibly be expected under the circumstances. Brother C. F. Yoder, his brother in the flesh, who was with Frank during his illness has returned to Chicago.

Sister Belote, mother of Dyoll Belote, who has been attending school here since last fall and doing work in the office, has moved to Ashland from

Brighton, Indiana. Brother Dyoll has now said goodbye to the hall and lives with "mamma." There is no better way of giving permanent strength and support to Ashland college than for parents to make Ashland their home and send their boys and girls to school.

Brother D. J. Bole is doing some very commendable missionary work, serving several congregations out of the city which are without a regular pastor. Last Saturday he went to Armstrong Co., and this week he goes to the New Highland church, Washington Co., Pa.

Brother T. C. Barnum who for sometime was pastor of the Ridgely, Md. congregation, has left our communion and gone to the Methodists. He says "I am strongly convinced that more persons get eternal life where the altar is used than where it is not used." As tho a bench or anything made of wood or any other material were an altar. So it was under the old dispensation, but under the Covenant of grace, the material has given way to the spiritual, and wherever the human soul bows in humble penitence and submission to the will of the Father, there is an altar, whether it be in this "mountain or in Jerusalem." What the "mourner's bench" has to do with getting eternal life is a matter on which the Master has not informed us. Peter seems to have had splendid success on the day of Pentecost without the use of such a contrivance as a "mourner's bench." Where in the New Testament do we learn the relation between the material altar and "getting eternal life?"

Brother E. K. Teeter writes: "The tract on 'Feet Washing,' as published in the last issue of the EVANGELIST, is very good, with the exception of the first section which cannot be reconciled with the order of time in which the ordinances of feet washing, the last supper and the communion were instituted; for there is clear evidence that the time of feet washing was 24 hours before the time of Christ's last supper and the communion, as stated by the other three evangelists, therefore the supper of John 13 can not be identical with the supper on the night of the betrayal, and the supper of John 13, being without a word to enjoin it, can not justly be called a sacred meal. I dislike to advocate a theory, only to defend our church practice when I know the gospel does not sustain the theory." We remember the time when this was the position taken by the Disciples or Campbellites, but they have long since abandoned it as untenable. If our brother is able to sustain the position with unanswerable argument as he claims to be, we shall be glad to hear from him, tho personally we confess having very little interest in this or in the closely allied question of the passover. Whether it was the time of the passover or 24 hours earlier, or whether he ate it at all or not, are questions of entire indifference to us; they do not touch anything vital in our faith nor will our faith be disturbed by the settlement of these questions one way or another. One man affirms that Jesus ate the passover on the night of his betrayal; another denies. One affirms that it was 24 hours before the legal time of the passover; another denies. We have our individual opinion about the matter; so have others. Whether the question will ever be settled or not will have nothing whatever to do with our personal salvation.

Brother Aaron Good asks us to change his address to Berlin, Pa., but fails to give his former address, and hence we cannot make the change. If this item gets to his notice, will he please inform us?

We are in receipt of a postal card addressed to Elder A. D. Gnagey, (Editor) Ashland, Ohio, care BRETHREN EVANGELIST, and mailed at Sandiego, Calif., without a word written on the other side. We presume the writer would like to know why his card is not answered, and we would like to know who he is and what he wants.

In the interests of the Washington mission Brother Cassel, secretary of the National Mission Board, recently visited that city, took an option on a church